

Bee Cave Book Buzz March 2018

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

See March **CALENDAR** for details on all upcoming programs.

HOLIDAY HOURS: The Library will be CLOSED Friday-Saturday, March 30-31. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, April 3 at 10 a.m. We apologize for any inconvenience.

SEUSS ON THE LOOSE IS BACK!

Our 13th annual Dr. Seuss extravaganza, "Seuss on the Loose," is this Saturday, March 3rd from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. This family-friendly event includes crafts, games, photo ops, and all kinds of Seuss-y silliness.

The fun begins at 2 p.m. inside City Hall. Weather permitting, we'll move outside to the new Central Plaza in front of the library at 3 p.m. for Mayor Caroline Murphy to lead us all in the Readers' Oath, and then the

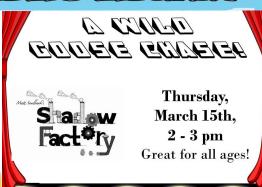


award-winning Joe McDermott will take the stage for his unique brand of music, movement and all-around fun. (In case of rain, the concert will take place inside.) Don't miss it!

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CRAFT DAY **OPEN HOUSE**

Tuesday, March 13th, 2 - 4 pm **All Ages**



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SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Lake Travis Reads "An Evening with the Author" featuring Nate

Blakeslee, author of American Wolf: A True Story of Survival and Obsession in the West. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Blakeslee is a fascinating speaker, so please join even if you haven't read the book! The event is free and open to the public.



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Our popular "What's for Lunch?" program meets the first Wednesday of each month from 12 - 1 p.m. for a different topic each month! No reservations required. Light lunch provided or bring your own. \$5 donations welcome.

- Mar. 7 Myths & Mysteries of the Texas Revolution with the Bullock Texas State History Museum
- Apr. 4 <u>Watercolors for Beginners</u> with Beatrice Baldwin
- May 2 Wonders of the Westcave Preserve

Knitting Club

Thursday, March 1 7 - 8 p.m.

When the library closes, the yarn comes out! Enjoy a relaxed evening in the library with a community of friendly knitters and crocheters. Bring a project you're working on or start a new one with yarn from the communal basket! Every 1st Thursday.

Bee Cave Book Club

Thursday, March 8 7-8 p.m.

The Bee Cave Book Club is an informal and diverse group who come together every 2nd Thursday to discuss the group-selected fiction or nonfiction titles. During the hour members share laughter, ideas, and their love of books. New members are always welcome, even if you haven't read this month's selection. The March selection is *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. In April we will discuss *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker. Copies are available at the library in a variety of formats.





Friends of the Library Meeting Wednesday, March 14 4:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Library meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month to discuss ways to support the library's mission through fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy. Consider joining the Friends and giving back to your library!

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Teen Advisory Board No Meeting in March Next Meeting: April 7, 2 p.m.

Get volunteer hours by joining our Teen Advisory Board! Snacks, activities, brainstorming, and a chance to boss the library around - how many volunteer jobs offer that?

Grades 7-12 welcome.

Check out our Guest Column by TAB President Linnea Kennedy on page 4 of this newsletter!



Baby Bumblebees Storytime

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10:30 & 11:15 a.m. Newborn age to Walking Stage

Babies, bring your grown-ups to enjoy stories, rhymes & songs as they learn engaging ways to prepare children for reading.

CHESS CLUB

Wednesday, March 21 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Meet fellow chess enthusiasts and learn new strategies. All young chess lovers welcome, from novices to advanced players.

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month during the school year in Community Room A above the library.

Best for ages 6-12.

Toddler Tales Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 & 11:15 a.m. For ages 1 to 3 years

Join us at the library for 20-25 minutes of stories, songs, and movement every Friday at 10:30 or 11:15 a.m.

Preschool Pals Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30 & 11:15 a.m. For ages 3 to 5 years

Join us at the library for 20-30 minutes of stories, songs, and movement every Thursday at 10:30 or 11:15 a.m.

Interest cards are available now for our next Family Place parent-child workshop, **1-2-3 PlaySmart**. This 5-week session begins March 21 and runs consecutive Wednesdays

through April 18. Designed to support the essential role of parents as first teachers, the handson series invites parents to play one-on-one with their toddler in a specially-designed environment,



and connects them with resource specialists in nutrition, health, literacy, and child development. The series is designed for children age 18 months to 3 years, and will be repeated again in the fall. Space is limited. Interest cards for the spring session are due by March 7th.

For more information, please contact Cate Sweeney, csweeney@beecavetexas.gov.

PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS

Bee-Tweens Iron Chef Bee Cave Wednesday, March 14 2:00 p.m.

Come test your chef skills as you create an appetizer, a main dish, and a dessert with materials provided.

And the secret ingredient is...

Bee-Tweens will meet during Spring Break on Wednesday, March 14 at 2 p.m.

Open for tweens in grades 3-6. Questions? Email Terry: TLewis@beecavetexas.gov.





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Hours of Operation: Tues - Thurs 10 am - 7 pm Fri - Sat 10 am - 5 pm Closed Sunday & Monday

For photos and up-to-the-minute information on library programs, follow us!







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Teen Advisory Board Column for Library Newsletter By Linnea Kennedy

When I first walked into the Bee Cave Public Library to attend my first Teen Advisory Board meeting back in 2014, all I had on my mind were some extra service hours. Little did I know that I would come to love these amazing book-loving people and everything the organization does so much. As a small, nervous little 8th grader, I had no idea that by the time I was a junior in high school, I would be TAB president. However, I couldn't be more grateful that I decided to come to TAB on that Saturday back in 2014, because if I hadn't, I certainly wouldn't be the same person that I am today.



Photo by TAB Historian Ava Li

To start, I should probably talk a little bit about what TAB is. TAB, or Teen Advisory Board, is a committee of local teens (aged 7-12 grade) who have a passion for reading and work together to promote teen involvement/interest at the library and in the community. At our monthly meetings (which are always supplied with lots of good food), we spend time discussing our latest reads, then help come up with fun new ideas for teen programs or help to prepare for an upcoming one. Some of my favorite programs have included a murder mystery theater, a Harry Potter themed escape room, and a book tailgate/skyping session with highly acclaimed author Jeff Zentner. Besides the programs, TAB teens also participate in a number of service projects such as donating books to the Burke Center and creating "birthday boxes" for children in foster homes who may not be receiving any other gifts.

Of all the amazing programs I've been a part of, my favorite memory of TAB took place at an event called "Cupcake Wars." At the program, TAB members led teams in choosing a theme and then decorating a dozen cupcakes in accordance with that theme. Unexpectedly (but wonderfully), a group of special needs kids came to join in on the fun. We were slightly taken aback, but quickly adjusted and welcomed them onto our teams. An unbelievably sweet boy joined my team, who was both developmentally disabled and blind. Admittedly, I was slightly nervous at first because I wasn't sure how best to help him participate. But, I simply took his hand and explained to him our ideas for our cupcake theme. He was very excited by the prospect of Harry Potter themed cupcakes (his parents often read it to him), so we decided to decorate cupcakes according to each different house. Together, he and I pulled off a spectacular Hufflepuff-themed dessert. After it was all finished, his mom came up to me and genuinely thanked me for being so kind to him. I was so surprised by this, because it hadn't seemed like a huge deal to me, but it had obviously made a difference to her and to him. I left that day feeling like I had done something worthwhile. That's what TAB does. TAB brings people, even people you wouldn't expect, together - and it really does make a difference.

Bee Cave Public Library isn't just a library to me - it's a second home. Through both TAB and a weekly shelving shift, I've come to love and feel loved by both the librarians and all of the incredible volunteers and TAB members. The fact that so many people can be brought together by a simple love of reading continually leaves me in awe, and I am so blessed to have this program in my life. So, if you're a teen reading this, I hope that you decide to take a chance and join TAB. If you're a city council member, please know that your funding is so appreciated and that it really has made an impact. And if you're a librarian or contributing member of TAB, thank you, thank you, thank you. You've truly changed my life.